

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
accepting a reservation for rental of a self-contained in-flight entertainment device for use on a commercial airline flight of an aircraft, the reserved self-contained in-flight entertainment device being configured to present to one or more passengers of the commercial airline flight audiovisual presentations consisting of those loaded on the self-contained in-flight entertainment device prior to pickup by the one or more passengers;
adding the reservation to a manifest containing at least a count of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices reserved for the commercial airline flight;
comparing the count of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices reserved for the commercial airline flight with a default number indicating how many in-flight entertainment devices are stored on board the aircraft; and
~~if the~~ when the count of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices reserved for the commercial airline flight is larger than the default number by a difference, ~~then~~ bringing on board the aircraft before the commercial airline flight commences an additional number of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices at least as large as the difference.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further including delivering the manifest to the aircraft before the commercial airline flight commences.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the reserving further includes reserving a commercial airline flight.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the bringing is ~~done by a~~ performed using a catering service for the commercial airline flight wherein a supply truck of the catering service delivers the additional number of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices to the aircraft.

5. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
reserving for rental of one of a plurality of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices for use on a commercial airline flight of an aircraft, the reserved self-contained in-flight entertainment device being configured to present to one or more passengers of the commercial airline flight audiovisual presentations consisting of those loaded on the self-contained in-flight entertainment device prior to pickup by the one or more passengers;

receiving a voucher associated with the reserving;

exchanging the voucher for one of the plurality of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices;

using the self-contained in-flight entertainment device while flying on the commercial airline flight; and

exchanging the self-contained in-flight entertainment devices for a return acknowledgement.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein with the exchanging an electronic document or a paper document is used for the return acknowledgement.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the receiving the voucher includes an electronic document or a paper document.

8. (Original) A method comprising:
accepting a reservation for rental of a self-contained in-flight entertainment devices for use by a person on a commercial airline flight of an aircraft; and
determining if any number of a plurality of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices stored on board the aircraft require deletion of stored audiovisual presentations and addition of other audiovisual presentations and if so, delivering a quantity of the other self-contained in-flight entertainment devices having the other audiovisual presentations stored to the aircraft for exchange with the any number of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices requiring deletion of store audiovisual presentations.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the delivering is done by a catering service with a supply truck dockable with the aircraft.
10. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
accepting a reservation for rental of a self-contained in-flight entertainment device for use on a commercial airline flight of an aircraft, the reserved self-contained in-flight entertainment device being configured to present to one or more passengers of the commercial airline flight audiovisual presentations consisting of those loaded on the self-contained in-flight entertainment device prior to pickup by the one or more passengers;
adding the reservation to a manifest containing at least a count of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices reserved for the commercial airline flight;
comparing the count of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices reserved for the commercial airline flight with a default number indicating how many in-flight entertainment devices are kept at a pickup location near origination of the commercial airline flight; and
~~if the when the~~ count of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices reserved for the commercial airline flight is larger than the default number by a difference, ~~then~~ bringing to the pickup location before the commercial airline flight commences an

additional number of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices at least as large as the difference.

11. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

accepting a reservation for rental of a self-contained in-flight entertainment device for use on a commercial airline flight of an aircraft, the reserved self-contained in-flight entertainment device being configured to present to one or more passengers of the commercial airline flight audiovisual presentations consisting of those loaded on the self-contained in-flight entertainment device prior to pickup by the one or more passengers;

adding the reservation to a manifest containing at least a count of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices reserved for the commercial airline flight;

comparing the count of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices reserved for the commercial airline flight with a default number indicating how many in-flight entertainment devices are stored on board the aircraft; and

~~if the when the~~ count of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices reserved for the commercial airline flight is larger than the default number by a difference, ~~then~~ bringing on board the aircraft before the commercial airline flight commences an additional number of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices at least as large as the difference.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein ~~the pickup~~ a pickup location for the reserved self-contained in-flight entertainment devices is inside of a high security area.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the pickup location is a kiosk counter or a gate counter.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein ~~the pickup~~ a pickup location for the reserved self-contained in-flight entertainment devices is a counter of a rental car agency.

15. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
determining ~~if any~~ whether any number of a plurality of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices stored at a pickup location require deletion of stored audiovisual presentations and addition of other audiovisual presentations and ~~if so~~ when so, delivering a quantity of the other self-contained in-flight entertainment devices having the other audiovisual presentations stored to the pickup location for exchange with the any number of self-contained in-flight entertainment devices requiring deletion of store audiovisual presentations;
accepting payment and credential information at the pickup location in exchange for rental of a self-contained in-flight entertainment device for use on a commercial airline flight of an aircraft; and
receiving the self-contained in-flight entertainment device at a drop-off location after the commercial airline flight in exchange for a return acknowledgement.
16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein the pickup and drop-off locations ~~is onboard~~ are onboard the aircraft.
17. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the pickup and drop-off locations are at gate counters of origination and destination airports, respectively, of the commercial airline flight.